Wisconsin Waterfowl Association

Board of Directors Conference Call - Thursday June 13, 2013

Board Members calling in: John Greene, Rob Monette, Russ Olson, John Regan, Patrick Smith, Bruce Urben. Absent: Wayne Folske, Joe Gonyo, Mark Kakatsch, Tom Krsnich, David Sachs & Eric Urben. Staff calling in: Don Kirby & Kelcy Boettcher.

Agenda:

- **6:30 - 6:40 ED Report/Financials - Q&A**
  Don went over the May financials and the ED report, we're still awaiting final reports from two spring events.
- **6:40 - 6:50 Golf Outings update - future plans**
  Our inaugural southeast WI golf outing netted over twice what was budgeted, turning out to be a very nice event for the organization with a minimum of staff hours. We would like to find venues/volunteers to plan an outing for June of 2014, potentially in the Madison or LaCrosse areas. Contact Don if you have any interested volunteer contacts in those areas.
- **6:50 - 7:00 Abrams update: Stewardship/Disabled blinds/Oak Orchard parking**
  Don's son finished his Eagle Scout project and placed two disabled blinds onto the Abrams project in early June, with help from the Green Bay chapter volunteers. Bruce has bids due for the Oak Orchard parking area on June 15, he believes we've overestimated the costs as bids are coming in about $8000 less than what was planned and after next week they should be awarding the job to the winning bidder. Red's Excavating will come back out to do some maintenance on some areas that have settled on the trail once the area dries out a bit. Bruce's group will also be getting bids out for fencing along both the parking lots, either cedar split rail or cedar post & rail. A meeting will be held tomorrow to determine the location for the disabled deer blind, the material and construction will be donated and it will be a part of our stewardship grant.
- **7:00 - 7:20 Green Schools Invoicing**
  Despite the organization's plans to step back from this program after laying off our staff position in winter of 2012, we are continuing to be invoiced for Green Charter Schools staff time and expenses through May 2013. Russ, Pat and Don will meet with Green Charter Schools, hopefully prior to our next board meeting on July 28, to discuss the matter further.
- **7:20 - 7:25 Determine plan for July 28th in-person meeting - adjust time…**
  Due to the Cabela's grand opening booth we are manning that day, Don has suggested moving the board meeting to 4:00 - 6:30 PM and we will plan to have dinner while we are there.
- **7:25 - 7:40 Oshkosh/EAA Outdoors Event Update**
  Wayne reported to Pat that due to the high turnover at EAA there is no possibility that the Oshkosh Chapter and PF will be able to put together the EAA Outdoors Event they were hoping to hold this summer but they are working towards an arrangement for the 4th weekend in August 2014. The chapter is, however, planning to hold an October banquet.
- **7:40 - 7:45 Response from Gary Zimmer on questions regarding the fall conference discussed at May 6th meeting**

Don followed up with Gary following the May meeting in regards to the request for the donation for the Wildlife Society meeting and Gary stated that WWA would be acknowledged in the field trip and overall event for our participation. The board determined that at this time the organization cannot sponsor the meeting and Don will contact Gary.

- **7:45 - 8:05 Updates on 30th Anniversary Concepts**
  John Regan reported that he and the Oshkosh chapter have discussed different options to commemorate WWA's upcoming 30th Anniversary. The first item discussed was to have an engraved firearm at every banquet , essentially 30 guns at approximately $300+ per gun or around $11,000 total expense. The other item discussed was to have Drake Dropper Calls make 30 calls and have engraved on the band of the call, "WWA 1984-2014", and have them numbered 1-30 and a display stand with an engraved plaque with our logo and then have one call at each event, raffled off (flexibility for this at the chapter's decision), and at year-end all that won a call would be entered into a drawing for a high end shotgun in a nice display case with our logo on the case, essentially a cost of $94 per call per event and $83 per chapter expense for the firearm. Don also suggested the possibility of incorporating a "simple" trip from a Wisconsin Outfitter included if we could find one to donate. The board was in agreement that the calls/firearm/potential trip option at each event was the preferred choice.
- **8:05 - 8:20 Kent Ammo Pricing**
  Bruce motioned that we keep the ammo pricing as is for everyone who wishes to purchase it, including board members. John Regan seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm